

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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 Takehisa YAMAMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2538  
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 Application No.: 10/526,000 : Group Art Unit: 3748  
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 Filed: March 01, 2005 : Examiner: rIDDLE, kYLE m  
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 For: A WEAR-RESISTANT SLIDING PART AND A SLIDING MECHANISM USING THE SAME PART

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   | NO. OF<br>CLAIMS | HIGHEST<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE       | FEE    |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Total Claims                              | 8                | 20                                | 0               | \$50.00 =  | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims                        | 1                | 3                                 | 0               | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Multiple dependent claims newly presented |                  |                                   |                 |            | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time                 |                  |                                   |                 |            | \$0.00 |
|   |                  |                                   |                 |            | \$0.00 |
| Total of Above Calculations               |                  |                                   |                 |            | \$0.00 |

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.